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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, MAY 14TH, 1907.

LORD ROSEBERRY is an accomplished man, a clever man, and an agreeable man; still he lacks intensity of purpose, and this lack will ever prevent him taking the first rank in the national affairs. Still he has many of the qualities usually accompanying mastership, and amongst them is the faculty of being generally capable of reading the current of public opinion. Although, then, as a foe not so dangerous as many men of far inferior ability, his recent declaration with regard to the Government presided over by Sir HENRY CAMPBELL-BANNERMAN will be damaging in the inverse ratio of his ability for leading his party; for it is the first overt pronouncement on the part of a shrewd observer that the days of that ill-assorted and inept association of incongruities are numbered. Characteristically Lord ROSEBERRY commenced his speech by praising the Government. He could hardly do otherwise at a meeting of the Liberal League, but even his praise was damaging. Possibly no administration ever held office of which it might not be said that some of its members were good; nobody has had for instance a word to say in disfavour of Sir EDWARD GREY. That is nothing new, for his abilities were recognised even when he acted as Parliamentary Secretary under Mr. GLADSTONE. Both sides of the House too have recognised Mr. HALDANE's high purpose, and although differing in details no

one but feels that more nearly than anyone else he has been the first to bring forward a really practicable scheme without fear or favour. So again no one has been tempted through party spirit to throw a stone at Mr. MORLEY in his conduct of the India Department. But; and the But is a very big one indeed however much confidence the country may have in the individual members of the Cabinet, no one, and we speak advisedly, call he himself Liberal, Conservative, or Unionist, has the slightest confidence in the Administration as a whole. As Lord ROSEBERRY put it to his meeting, at no distant time it must find itself squeezed out between Socialism and Conservatism. Socialism can make promises to the predatory elements in politics on the one hand, while on the other Conservatism must always commend itself to those who desire to keep things as they are; and as the leaders, or nominal leaders in the Cabinet are evidently permitting themselves to drift into the iniquitous seas of disorder and plunder, the end cannot be far off when the more responsible members will refuse to permit themselves to be dragged further. It is evident too that in other affairs the less responsible members are venturing into dangerously unsettled regions. It was by no skill on the part of the responsible members of the Cabinet, but owing to the wiser foresight of the Boer Leaders in the Transvaal, that another contempt, such as followed Mr. GLADSTONE's surrender after Majuba Hill, was narrowly averted; and it is no credit to the Ministry that they have had to go to learn the business of government from the Colonial Premiers. Property; Lord ROSEBERRY points out with the approbation even of the Liberal League, and it is this approbation that lends force to his words—is much more widely diffused than is generally supposed. You talk of taxing this, and you talk of taxing that, and you fancy you are only taxing dukes, whereas, as a matter of fact, vast communities—co-operative societies, in fact, of workers are deeply interested in these very commodities, which you ignorantly think are solely confined to the much-moaned class. In these practical matters of finance our colonial administrators are far ahead of our dilettante free-traders of the Cobden Club stamp, who only know the practical truths of finance, as our astronomers know the canals of Mars, yet, who would unhesitatingly settle the questions of Martial irrigation without any practical acquaintance with the conditions of planetary life, other than afforded by gazing through the great telescope at the Lick Observatory. But it is not alone in Lord ROSEBERRY's speech, remarkable as that is under present conditions, that signs are visible of a waking up from the fever-dreams of the last few years. The present House of Commons, it is curious to note, was not returned with the object of carrying out any such programme as His Majesty's present Ministers have been seeking to thrust on the country. It was distinctly returned with the view of counteracting Mr. CHAMBERLAIN's proposed fiscal reforms; yet it is curious to notice how the Government itself has found it necessary to begin the reform itself, even in the teeth of this deliberate verdict, and how already the country at large is falling in with these views. It is difficult to imagine how any body of reasonable men could have persuaded themselves that they were fighting the battle of Free Trade by lending their every support to the most unblushing practices of a Protection aimed avowedly at undermining the industrial resources of the country; yet it was on such misrepresentations that the election was carried. In the face of this, and in line with Lord ROSEBERRY's warnings the action of the London Chamber of Commerce cannot be ignored. Mr. Faithful Beggs, in carrying by a large majority of those present and represented, his amendment in favour of preferential trade with the Colonies, is evidently being upborne by the growing force of public opinion; and another indication that the country at large is also waking up to the fact that something better than politics are wanted is afforded by the recent rebellion against the visionary schemes of the late London County Council. The doctrinaires, in fact, overdid their part at the recent elections, and have committed the greatest of political crimes, that of being found out. If we could at home only succeed in getting ten years of government free from the narrow fetters of party, the country might begin once more to be great, and we might discover how immensely more worthy of our ambition is the safety of the Empire than the shibboleth of party. If Lord ROSEBERRY have aided in doing this he will have deserved well of his generation.

Recently elected Fellows of the Royal Colonial Institute are Mr. Frederick Anderson (China), and Mr. G. C. Irving (B. N. Borneo).

Plague and smallpox represent all of last week's disease. There were nine smallpox cases, all fatal. Since January 1st there have been 33 plague cases, 28 fatal. Last week's total was 15.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals acknowledges, with thanks, the following donations to the funds of the Hospitals:—Messrs. G. Foxwick & Co. and "A Patient," each ten dollars.

We regret, remarks the *Chiu Chieh*, Tientsin, to notice that some foreigners so far degraded themselves as to frequent low class opium dens in the French concession, smoking freely there, among the refuse of the Chinese.

The battleship Japan intends to have built at Barrow will have a displacement of 21,000 tons, and will be armed with 12.12-inch guns, ten 8-inch guns, and 12 4.7-inch guns. She is to be ready for sea in two years. Japan is putting down a sister ship in her own dockyard.

Captain Marchant has already made a reputation for himself locally as a writer of bright and interesting stories and his little book, "Sea-breeze Stories" published at fifty cents, is a collection of some of his best yarns. They are of the type that can be appreciated after dinner. They involve a little stretch of the imagination, and they whet the appetite for more. More careful proof reading would have improved the volume.

With regard to the appointment of Prince Ching as Comptroller-General of the Ministry of War (N.C. Daily News), understand that this was recommended by H. E. Viceroy Yuan Shih-kai, as a counterstroke against the rapidly rising power of T'ieh Liang, President of the Ministry of War. As Prince Ching's feelings are inclined more towards progress than reaction, his appointment as Comptroller-General of the Ministry of War will serve in a measure to check the dangerous intrigues of the rapidly growing power of the reactionary party in Peking.

At Peking was issued on May 6th a Decree expressing regret at receipt of the news of the death of the Imperial Chamberlain Pu Hsing, at one time President of the Board of Punishments (old régime). "Duke Tsai Tao is commanded to carry a 'Tolo' prayer casket, the gift from the Emperor, to be used as a shroud, and to pour a libation before the remains on behalf of His Majesty. The sum of Tls. 5,000 from the Privy Purse is ordered to be given to the family of deceased for funeral expenses; all his official delinquencies are commanded to be erased from the records and his eldest son Yu Sung is granted the rank of a second class secretary of one of the Ministries of Peking, as a mark of the Imperial recognition of the loyal services of the deceased."

A number of forged share notes of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha have been found in circulation of late. It is stated that they are produced so skilfully that only experts can distinguish them from the genuine, and applications are being continually received at the head office of the company enclosing share notes for identification. The following are given by the Nippon Kaisha as the distinctive features of the forged certificates:—(1)—The forged note is slightly smaller than the genuine; (2)—The paper of the forged note is a little inferior in quality, and the print is less distinct; (3)—In the forged note the printer's name, printed on the left side on the face is wanting; (4)—In the forged note the name of the "Kawagawa-maru" printed a little above the centre of the face is wanting.

At the Sanitary Board meeting to be held this afternoon, the hon. Registrar-General, pursuant to notice will move:—(1) That in the opinion of this Board the large increase in recent years in the number of dead bodies placed in the streets is due to the sanitary measures adopted since 1894 against plague and smallpox; (2) That a reduction in the number of dead bodies placed in the streets can be effected only by obtaining the assistance of the Chinese; (3) That to obtain the effective co-operation of the Chinese a revision of the by-laws relating to infectious disease is necessary, and that such a revision is called for on other grounds as well. A further letter from the Government relating to dumping will be submitted, and also a letter relating to the result of the investigation initiated by the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance Commission.

Practically the entire fortune of Mr. James Henry ("Silent") Smith, who died recently at Kyoto, of Bright's disease, is, according to American exchanges, left to his widow. The fortune is estimated at from \$55,000,000 to \$75,000,000, and Mr. Smith, who was Mrs. William Rhineland-Stewart, becomes the richest society woman in the world. Herman S. Leroy, who has been the late Mr. Smith's personal representative for years, said recently:—"Mrs. Smith was named the chief benefactress in the will which Mr. Smith drew up in Scotland shortly before his marriage on September 13th. The will is held by his private solicitor in London, a man whose name and address I have not yet ascertained. It takes the place of a previous will which is held in this city." The message adds that the cable report from Kyoto to New York that Mr. Smith's death was due to cancer caused some surprise among his friends there, who had no intimation that he was suffering from any such ailment. An agent of a prominent life insurance company declared that a year ago Mr. Smith applied for policies amounting to \$1,000,000. He failed to pass a satisfactory physical examination on account of a kidney.

An Imperial Edict declares that, according to a Canon, named Chao-Chiling, Prince Ching has received as a birthday present Tls. 100,000, from Tsan Chih-kuei, newly appointed Governor of Heilungkiang. The Throne has ordered Prince Chun, brother of the Emperor, and Grand Secretary Suncho-nai to investigate the matter.

On the 25th April says the *Nagasaki Press*, Mr. and Mrs. David Crowe were "At Home" at the Public Hall, the occasion being the twenty-fifth anniversary of their wedding, which took place at Yokohama in 1882. Twenty-three of the years have been spent in Nagasaki, or Tategami, where Mr. Crowe is dockmaster for the Mitsui Bishi Dockyard and Engine Works, a capacity in which he has made a host of friends among those who go down to the sea in ships. The Hall had been beautifully decorated with flags and flowers and practically the whole British community was present, while every other nationality was well represented.

TO LESSEN CRIME IN HONGKONG.

A SUGGESTION.
Are the methods of our local authorities for the suppression of crime behind those prevailing in other parts of the Far East? From a conversation which our representative had yesterday with a Police Officer of long service and much experience it would appear so. The gentleman in question related something which is not generally known—that a large percentage of the crimes which are committed locally are perpetrated by what may be styled "rogues and vagabonds," wanderers who have no roof to shelter them. These are the men who are generally caught in the act of descending down pipes, of snatching jewellery from women, and of holding up passers-by in the back streets of the City. About midnight they are to be seen journeying with their mats to some quiet street where they make of the footpath their couch. There they lie until all is quiet, and then venture forth to prey upon some late reveller or to enter a house where opportunity offers. Now, in Singapore or Saigon such characters are always banished, in most instances before they have had time or opportunity to break the law. But in Hongkong banishment follows the offence, provided the offence is serious enough for such a course. It is suggested that Hongkong should follow in the steps of Singapore and Saigon and banish all such characters as mentioned. Even though in many instances they may not be criminals, their method of living is bound to lead them into temptation, and by the disappearance of such a band of undesirable men from our shores it is believed that there will be a considerable falling off in the number of the criminal cases on the year's calendar. Perhaps the matter is one it would be worth while for the Government to consider.

A CHINESE HOUSEBREAKER'S METHOD.

SKILFUL BUT DANGEROUS.
A report of what appeared to be attempted arson, which was made to Inspector Eitchie at the Central Police Station on Sunday morning, has revealed a Chinese method of housebreaking which, although long in vogue, has seldom, if ever, been made public. On the morning in question the inmates of a shop at No. 30 Upper Station Street reported that someone had tried to set fire to the staircase leading to the first and second floors above the shop. At the bottom of the stairs a quantity of cloth saturated with kerosene, and a small tin full of the oil was found. At the same time it was discovered that the partition wall dividing the shop from the entrance to the upper floors was on fire. The blaze was immediately quelled and the police communicated with. After they had visited the place, and made careful inquiries, they came to the conclusion that it was not a case of attempted arson, but that Chinese robbers had been endeavouring, by means of an old practice, to gain entrance to the shop on the ground floor, and had probably been disturbed while so employed, and decamped. To avoid making a noise the Chinese robber, instead of forcing open a door, burns a hole in the wall large enough for him to put his hand through and so be enabled to withdraw the bolt. This, in the opinion of the police, is what happened in the present instance.

OPIMUM IN PARLIAMENT.

In the House of Commons on April 11th, Mr. Pike Pease, asked the Secretary of State for India, what was the total value of the opium exported from India in 1906, and the value of that consigned direct to ports in China. Mr. Morley, replied as follows:—"The value of the opium exported from India in the years 1906, as shown in the trade returns, was \$6,128,016, of which \$4,866,452 represents opium consigned direct to Hongkong and the treaty ports in China. Mr. Alden asked the Secretary for Foreign Affairs whether the Government had consented to be represented at the conference called by the United States Government to consider the question of the suppression of the opium traffic; whether any other Powers had given their adherence to this proposal; and whether the same could be furnished with the terms of reference and the programme of the conference. Sir E. Grey:—As regards the first part of the question, the United States Government have been informed that His Majesty's Government are willing on certain conditions, stated in my reply of March 20 to the hon. member for Banbridge, to take part in a joint international conference or commission of investigation. The replies of the other Powers consulted have not yet been communicated to His Majesty's Government, nor have any terms of reference for the conference or commission yet been submitted.

TELEGRAMS.

["DAILY PRESS" EXCLUSIVE SERVICE.]

RAILWAY STRIKE
THREATENED.LONDON, May 13th.
A great railway strike is threatened.

THE GERMAN NAVY.

LONDON, May 13th.
The Kaiser vigorously advocates the construction of more warships.

DISAFFECTION IN PERSIA.

LONDON, May 13th.
The Shah's brother is leading a rebellion.FURTHER RETRENCHMENT
AT WOOLWICH.LONDON, May 13th.
It is understood that the intention is to reduce the Woolwich Arsenal to the extent of 6,000 men below peace strength.

[REUTERS' SERVICE.]

BRITISH CONSOLS.

LONDON, May 11th.
Consols are lower, owing to the Transvaal loan and an impending Cape loan of £2,000,000 at 4 per cent.

PRINCE FUSHIMI'S VISIT.

LONDON, May 11th.
Sir Edward gave a banquet to Prince Fushimi, at the Foreign Office, at which there was a distinguished gathering. Sir Edward Grey, in toasting Prince Fushimi, praised the patriotism and public spirit of the Japanese, and said that the object of the renewal of the alliance, two years ago was, not to injure others but to secure stability and peace. He trusted that this, our object, was recognised by all interested in the Far East. Prince Fushimi, in returning thanks, referred to the special friendship existing between the two nations.

SUPREME COURT.

Monday, 13th May.

BEFORE MR. A. G. WISE (PUNISHMENT JUDGE).

IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

CONSENTED TO JUDGMENT.

Leung Ng Shi, a spinster, sued the Sun Choy Brick Company Limited for \$150, being balance of rent due in respect of premises occupied by the defendants at 15, Queen's Road West. The original amount due was \$238, of which \$88 had been paid on account. Mr. Dixon, from the office of Messrs. Hastings and Hastings, appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. Otto Kong Sing appeared for the defendants, and consented to judgment on their behalf.

CORRESPONDENCE.

RE-ECHO OF LUSITANO SPORTS.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS".]

Hongkong, 13th May.

SIR,—In perusing your paragraph of to-day under the heading of "Echo of Lusitano Sports," I beg to endorse the opinion expressed therein, and to state that I claim the same right as Mr. da Silva, the legitimate first winner, and myself as second in the same race.

I concur that there was mismanagement, and I may add, also great confusion and excitement prevailed in this interesting race, the result of which is still greatly commented on by the public.

To avoid such a repetition, I would suggest that if there be another Sports next year, an independent and more qualified committee should be selected.

I enclose my card, Yours faithfully.

O. F. R.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS".]

Hongkong, 13th May, 1907.

SIR,—Anent the sad incident reported in your Sports column, I, being an ocular witness of the "Veterans' Race" at the Lusitano Sports, must confess, in justice to the Veteran Winner, Mr. da Silva, that he ought to be the legitimate holder of the Silver Cup, as his start was punctual as the pistol was fired, and if others started badly they ought to be disqualified, and the judges should never have accepted their protest for a re-run, as the first race stands good and valid in all respects, there being no proper reason that it could be cancelled. The public sympathy is with Mr. da Silva.

Thanking you for the insertion of the above.

A NON-PORTUGUESE SPECTATOR.

Nothing is so irritating to those of us who are imperfect as the smugness of admirable folk. If conscience makes cowards of us all, cowardice, on the other hand, gives some of us about all the conscience we ever know.

POLICE COURT.

Monday, May 13th.

BEFORE MR. F. A. HAZELAND (FIRST POLICE MAGISTRATE).

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

A Chinese woman, residing at 48, Stanley Street, was charged before his Worship with attempting to commit suicide by taking an overdose of opium. She informed the Court that her husband had been unable to get work for some time, consequently they were feeling the pinch of poverty. His Worship discharged her, at the same time warning her not to attempt to take her life again.

CONFIDENCE MEN AGAIN.

Inspector Collett proceeded against two natives on charges of larceny by trick, while the first defendant was further charged on two counts with being in possession of a number of Hongkong and Chinese counterfeit coins.

From the evidence it appeared that on Sunday morning the two defendants met a Chinese boy in Queen's Road West and asked him to pawn two rings which they said were gold. He agreed to do so, and left a bundle of clothing and an umbrella as security. When he arrived at the pawnshop he was informed that the rings were brass, and on returning to the spot where he left the men he found that they had gone. On telling his story at West Point Police Station, detectives were put on the track of the confidence men, and traced them to a house in First Street. There one of the defendants was found lying on the stolen clothing, while in a pillow box belonging to the first defendant ten rings similar to those given to the boy were found, also seven counterfeit Hongkong coins and 52 counterfeit Chinese coins.

On the first charge both defendants were sentenced to six weeks' imprisonment and six hours' stocks, while the first defendant on the charge of being in possession of counterfeit Chinese money was fined \$150 or six weeks' imprisonment, and on the charge of being in possession of spurious Hongkong coins was sentenced to three weeks' jail without the option of a fine. In the case of the second man the sentence was to run consecutive.

THE CONNAUGHT ROAD MURDER.

The hearing of the charge of murder preferred against four Japanese, and of the charge of being accessories after the fact preferred against seven others, was continued before his Worship. As before, Mr. P. P. J. Wodehouse prosecuted, and Mr. P. W. Goldring (of Messrs. Goldring and Barlow), appeared for the defendants. Further evidence was heard, and the case adjourned.

BEFORE MR. G. N. ORME (SECOND POLICE MAGISTRATE).

A HONGKONG SAMSON.

"He carried the horse in his arms as he ran down a lane," a district watchman told his Worship when referring to a defendant whose offence was stated on the charge-sheet to be the larceny of a horse. As he gazed at the diminutive stature of the native, his Worship looked as though he did not believe the story, and smiled broadly when his next question elicited the information that what was stolen was a clothes horse. The defendant was sent to jail for twelve days.

THE PRICE OF AN EAR.

Leung Ki was prosecuted by Inspector Courlay for assault causing grievous bodily harm. The inspector stated that a coolie, named Cheong Pak, resided with the defendant at East Point. On Saturday afternoon he was boiling vegetables and pork in the defendant's pot, when the latter entered the house and said he wanted his sausage. The complainant told him to wait a minute, but Leung was evidently in a bad humor, and taking the pot off the fire throw the contents on the floor. This caused a quarrel, and as the men closed in a desperate struggle, the defendant bit the complainant's ear off.

For this his Worship inflicted a fine of \$10, the alternative being one month's imprisonment. The defendant was further bound over in the sum of \$50 to keep the peace for six months.

ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB.

PROGRESS OF NEW HEADQUARTERS.

The levelling and filling in of the site for the new R.H.K.Y.C. Club House, with the sea walls &c., are now completed. The site is ready for building upon.

At a meeting over which the Commodore, Hon. Mr. May, presided, and at which Major Brooke, Messrs. Carpenter, Tooker, Warre, and H. Percy Smith (secretary and treasurer) were present, a tender for the erection of the buildings was accepted.

The buildings, which will be for the most part two stories high, comprise on the lower floor a large boat-house, gymnasium, lavatory and drying room and on the second floor spacious verandahs, committee room, ladies' room, general reading room, and bar, dressing room, and lavatory. There will be also a large tennis court. The slip for yachts will accommodate ten racing yachts at one time. Altogether it is believed that the Club premises will be very fine and replete with all the usual club-house equipment.

The whole of the work is to be completed before the end of the year.

What Shakespeare thought was that men and women were all actors, and that the whole world was a stage, and in so saying he was not making a cynical disparagement of the stage world. Shakespeare knew that, whether on the stage or off, they were actors, and he knew that he realised life by dramatising on the stage what was being done in the world by everyone in a more or less loose way. The ordinary individual thought that dramatic art was a falsehood, but it was really an attempt to show life.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that as Solicitors for and on behalf of the NEDERLANDSCHE HANDEL-MAATSCHAPPIJ it is our intention to apply to the Legislative Council of Hongkong for leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Ordinance for giving to a Foreign Company called the NEDERLANDSCHE HANDEL-MAATSCHAPPIJ certain facilities for carrying on its business in the Colony."

The proposed Bill will appear in the next issue of the Government Gazette.

Dated this 13th day of May, 1907.

JOHNSON, STOKES & MASTER,
Solicitors for and on behalf of
THE NEDERLANDSCHE HANDEL-
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GRAND OPENING
OF
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FOR A SHORT SEASON ONLY.

UNDER the auspices of the Canton Nam Keung Public College, there will be opened to the Public at 37, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, (three doors above Supreme Court), TO-MORROW (WEDNESDAY), 15th MAY, 1907, an Exhibition of exquisite Art Treasures comprising: PAINTINGS, SCULPTURES, CARVINGS, TAPESTRY, ARTISTIC MARBLE and BRONZE BUSTS and STATUARY, ANCIENT ARMOUR and IMPLEMENTS OF WAR, FRENCH and VENETIAN WARES, beautiful articles of decorative furniture, including a bedroom suite in Crystal and a handsome Roman Chair from the Vatican, rare curios, bric-a-brac, bronzes and other specimens of vertu collected by connoisseurs in Art from many parts of the world to the order of the exhibitors.

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Doors Open 10 A.M. to 1 P.M., 2 to 5 P.M., 7 to 10 P.M.

Tickets may be had at Entrance.

T. H. TAI, Manager.

Hongkong, 14th May, 1907. 916



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Hongkong, 10th May 1907. 3

S.S. "OCEANIAN".

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NOTICE.

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G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
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Hongkong, 13th May, 1907. 2

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No Fire Insurance has been effected.
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DAVID SASSOON & Co., Ltd.,
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Hongkong, 13th May, 1907. 911

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED will be held at the Company's Registered Office No. 2, Queen's Road West, Victoria, Hongkong, THIS DAY (TUESDAY), 14th of May, 1907, at 12 o'clock NOON, when the submitted Resolution which passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on the 27th April, 1907, will be submitted for Confirmation on Special Resolutions:

1. That clause 3 of the Memorandum of Association be altered by inserting after the words "the objects for which the Company is established are" the words "Sub-clause A," and by adding at the end of "Sub-clause A" new sub-clauses to be lettered B and C.

(a) To insure against loss or damage by fire all houses and all other buildings and erections, treasure, household furniture, goods, wares, merchandise, chattels and effects whatsoever in Hongkong, China, Japan or elsewhere and the pursuit of the business of fire insurance generally and the doing of such other things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects.

(c) To re-insure any risk in whole or in part.

Dated the 29th day of April, 1907.
By Order of the Board,
CHAU SIU KI,
Secretary.

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CHINESE ENGINEERING & MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

AN INTERIM DIVIDEND of One Shilling and Six Pence per share free of tax for account of year ending 25th February, 1907, has been declared by the Directors of the above Company. Coupon No. 8 is payable on 1st May at the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China and the Russo-Chinese Bank at Tientsin and Shanghai.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 1st May, 1907. 851

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION will be held at the City Hall, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the 31st day of May, 1907, at NOON for the purpose of considering and if thought fit, of passing the following Resolutions—

1. That the Directors of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation be and they are hereby requested and authorized by and on behalf of the Shareholders of the Company to take the steps necessary for the introduction of an Ordinance into the Legislative Council of the Colony of Hongkong for the enactment of the same by the Governor of Hongkong with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof to effect the amendments necessary to the Ordinance under which the Company is incorporated and carrying on business so as to allow of the capital of the Company being from time to time increased from ten millions of dollars the present authorized capital of the Company to twenty millions of dollars and also for extending the period of the operation of such Ordinance for a further period of 21 years from and including the 14th day of August, 1908, and for continuing all the provisions of Section 3 of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Ordinance 1899 for a further period of 21 years from and including the 14th day of August, 1908.

2. That from the date of such new Ordinance coming into operation and becoming effective the Capital of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation be increased from \$10,000,000 to \$20,000,000 by the creation of 40,000 New Shares of \$125 each to be issued at the price of \$20 on the terms after mentioned. Shareholders on the Eastern Registers to pay for their allotments at the rate of Exchange for the Company's demand Bills on London on the day the demand Bills are due.

3. That the said New Shares be in the first instance, in such manner as the Directors shall prescribe for that purpose, offered to Shareholders in the proportion of one New Share for every two shares of which on the 31st day of May, 1907, Shareholders shall respectively be the Registered Holders, and that any New Shares not accepted by the Shareholders within the time limited by the Directors for that purpose, be disposed of and allotted by the Directors in such manner and at such price as in their discretion they shall think best in the interests of the Company.

4. That the payment of the sum of £30 per Share for each of the said New Shares be made as follows, viz:

1st instalment of £15 on the 1st day of July, 1907.

2nd and final instalment of £15 on the 1st day of October, 1907.

5. That the Directors issue to Shareholders holding shares not a multiple of two, a fractional certificate in respect of each share in excess of or below the multiple and allot one New Share to every two shares of which on the 31st day of May, 1907, Shareholders shall respectively be the Registered Holders, and that any New Shares not accepted by the Shareholders within the time limited by the Directors for that purpose, be disposed of and allotted by the Directors in such manner and at such price as in their discretion they shall think best in the interests of the Company.

6. That after payment of the first instalment and pending payment of the remaining instalment, Scrip Certificates in such form as the Directors may determine be issued to the holders on payment of the remaining instalment, and subject to such other terms as to approval, date for lodging scrip certificates and otherwise as the Directors may prescribe, to be registered as the owners of the Shares respectively represented by such Scrip Certificates.

7. That interest at the rate of 5 per centum per annum be allowed out of the profits of the Company on instalments paid in advance of the dates when the same become due, and that registered holders of Scrip Certificates for New Shares be entitled in respect of such New Shares to participate in future dividends on an equality with the old shares, in proportion to the instalments paid up, and from due dates for payment of same.

8. That interest at the rate of 8 per centum per annum be charged on each instalment not paid up, and be paid with each such instalment.

9. That all moneys received from premium on the said New Shares be added to the Reserve Funds.

For THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 30th April, 1907. 833

PUBLIC COMPANY

THE CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND MORTGAGE COMPANY, LIMITED.

LOST.

TWO CERTIFICATES of 50 Shares each standing in the Register of this Company in the name of FUNG MING SHAN have been LOST.

Scrip No. 961—49851/49900 — 50 Shares.
" 962—49901/49950 — 50 " 100 Shares.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Duplicate Certificates for the said 100 Shares will be issued one month hence, and that the Original Certificates, unless produced within that period, will thereafter be held by the Company as null and void.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 1st May, 1907. 881

AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

O. J. No. 12 of 1906.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from MR. H. PERRY SAUTER, THE RECEIVER, to sell by Public Auction, ON FRIDAY, the 17th May, 1907, at 11 A.M. on board at Causeway Bay, (as she now lies), The Steam Launch

"HUNG YICK,"
Built of Teakwood in 1901.

Length 79 feet.
Breadth 14ft. 4in.
Depth 8ft. 4in.
Gross Tonnage 68.53
Nett 35.96

Licensed to carry 98 passengers inside the Harbour and 24 outside the Colony.
She was recently overhauled by Messrs. GEO. FENWICK & Co.

A Steam launch will leave BLAKE PIER at 10.45 A.M. to convey intending purchasers.

TERMS—As usual.

HUGHES & HUGH,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 10th May, 1907. 902

PUBLIC AUCTION.

BANKRUPTCY No. 20 of 1907, re LONG HING & Co.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from the Official Receiver and TRUSTEE, to sell by Public Auction, ON FRIDAY, the 17th May, 1907, at NOON, at No. 17, Queen's Road Central, The GOODWILL, STOCK-IN-TRADE, FURNITURE, FIXTURES and BOOK DEBTS of the above named Firm.

TERMS—As usual.

HUGHES & HUGH,
Government Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 13th May, 1907. 903

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, On WEDNESDAY, the 22nd and 23rd May, 1907, at 10 A.M., each day, at H.M. NAVAL YARD, SUNDRY CONDEMNED NAVAL AND OLD SURPLUS VICTUALLING STORES.

Comprising:—
CONDEMNED NAVAL STORES:—IRON and WOOD BLOCKS, HOSES, METAL FITTINGS, LAMPS, TOOLS, FILES, BOLTERS, OLD IRON and METAL, ELECTRIC CABLE, CANVAS BAGS, COAL SACKS, OLD INDIA RUBBER, OLD BOATS, FURNITURE, CARPETS, PAPERSTUFF, &c.

OLD AND SURPLUS VICTUALLING STORES:—BISCUITS, BEDDING, JACKETS, KNEE BOOTS, JERSEYS, BLANKETS, TOBACCO, MESS TRAPS, &c.

Catalogues will be issued.

TERMS OF SALE—As Customary.

HUGHES & HUGH,
Government Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 9th May, 1907. 882

INSURANCES

AACHEN AND MUNICH FIRE INSURANCE CO. OF AIX LA-CHAPELLE.

THE Undersigned, having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

REUTER, BROCKELMANN & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 21st April, 1897. 114

THE GLORUS INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

THE Undersigned, having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

CARLOWITZ & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 13th August 1906. 29

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

TOTAL FUNDS at 31st DECEMBER, 1905 £17,937,119.

I. AUTHORIZED CAPITAL, £3,000,000.
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL, 2,750,000.
PAID-UP CAPITAL, 2,357,500 0 0.

II. FIRE FUNDS, £3,338,720 19 8.

The Undersigned, AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 27th April, 1907. 1349

THE NETHERLANDS LLOYD OF AMSTERDAM & BATAVIA.

(FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY.)

THE Undersigned AGENTS for the above Company are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS at current rates.

LUTGENS, EINSMANN & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1907. 124

BANKS

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3 1/2 Per Cent. per annum.

Depositors may transfer at their option balances \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4 Per Cent. per annum.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 12th January, 1907. 22

NEDERLANDSCH-INDISCHE HANDELS BANK.

(NETHERLANDS INDIA COMMERCIAL BANK)

ESTABLISHED 1853.

Authorized Capital Fl. 15,000,000 (21,250,000)
Subscribed Capital Fl. 10,000,000 (Paid up)
Reserve Fund Fl. 1,623,850.13 (2135,737)

HEAD OFFICE: AMSTERDAM.
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HEAD AGENCY: BATAVIA.

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CORRESPONDENTS at: Cheribon, Tagal, Pecalongan, Macassar, Pontianak, Padang, Medan, Penang, Rangoon, Calcutta, Bombay, Madras, Colombo, Karachi, Djeddah, Bangkok, Saigon, Shanghai, &c.

BANKERS:
London: THE WILLIAMS DEACONS BANK, LD (SWISS BANKERS).
Paris: COMPTON NATIONAL D'ESCOMPTE-DE PARIS.

Berlin: DEUTSCHE BANK.
Brussels: BANQUE DE PARIS ET DES PAYS.

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J. BOETTJE, Manager.
No. 16, Des Voeux Road Central.

THE BANK OF TAIWAN LIMITED

(INCORPORATED BY SPECIAL IMPERIAL CHARTER)

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED Yen 5,000,000
CAPITAL PAID-UP 3,750,000

HEAD OFFICE: TAIPEH, FORMOSA.

BRANCHES AND AGENCIES:
Amoy, Anping, Fouchow,

TO LET

TO LET

NO. 2, MACDONNELL ROAD.

Apply to—
COMPRADORE'S DEPARTMENT.
Nippon Yusen Kaisha.
Hongkong, 3rd June, 1907. (87)

TO LET

OFFICES in ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS.

Apply to—
SECRETARY.
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited.
Hongkong, 23rd April, 1907. (80)

TO LET

OFFICES NO. 5, ICE HOUSE STREET; Centrally situated and within easy reach of the principal Banks and business houses. Apply on the premises to—
TATA & CO.
Hongkong, 24th December, 1906. 195

TO LET

NOW in the occupation of Dr. Harston with Six Excellent Rooms and Servants Quarters, etc.
Very suitable for bachelor mess.
PERCY SMITH & SETH.
5, Queen's Road Central.
Hongkong, 6th May, 1907. 880

TO LET

ONE OFFICE-ROOM on Second Floor FRINGE BUILDINGS.
Apply to—
REUTER, BROECKELMANN & Co.
Hankow, 23rd April, 1907. 795

TO LET

TO BE LET OR SOLD.
WITH POSSESSION FROM 1st JUNE—
IN WANCHAI ROAD.
GODOWN, built of brick, with tiled roof, just thoroughly repaired, about 4000 square feet space, concrete flooring. Suitable for storage of any kind of merchandise.
Apply to—
Care of "Daily Press" Office.
Hongkong, 3rd May, 1907. 870

TO LET

NOS. 3 and 4, OBSERVATORY VILLAS, Kowloon. Moderate Rental. Tennis Court and Electric Lights.
Apply to—
ARRATON V. APCAR & CO.,
45, Wyndham Street.
Hongkong, 2nd May, 1907. 869

TO LET

"STONHEVED" 35, Robinson Road.
Nos. 27, 29 and 31, SEYMOUR ROAD, near Wan Chai.
No. 90 & 91 GODOWN PRAYA EAST.
Apply to—
SAM WANG CO., LTD.,
81, Queen's Road Central.
Hongkong, 13th November, 1906. 1103

TO LET

2ND FLOOR NO. 12, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.
No. 38, CAINE ROAD, GARDEN ROAD, Kowloon, Redecorated, Electric Light, Tennis Court.
No. 1, FAIRVIEW, ROBINSON ROAD, Kowloon.
Apply to—
LEIGH & ORANGE,
1, Des Vaux Road.
Hongkong, 3rd May, 1907. 94

TO LET

GROUND FLOOR of No. 4, Des Vaux Road including a Strong Room and servant's quarters.
ROOMS on Second Floor of VICTORIA BUILDING, No. 5, Queen's Road Central, suitable for Offices.
No. 3, Paddlers Hill, comprising of 5 Rooms without houses, occupation from 1st proximo.
Apply to—
DAVID SASSOON & Co. Ltd.
Hongkong, 26th April, 1907. 821

TO LET

NO. 1, WEST END TERRACE, Shamoon, Canton.
Apply to—
HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LD.
Hongkong, 1st May, 1907. 91

TO LET

TO LET ON LEASE.
FROM 1st JANUARY, 1907.
NOS. 6, 8, 10, 12 and 14, HOLLYWOOD ROAD.
Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 SUN WAI LANE.
Apply to—
ARRATON V. APCAR & CO.,
45, Wyndham Street.
Hongkong, 24th October, 1906. 1101

TO LET

FROM 1st JULY.
LARGE AND SPACIOUS GODOWNS Nos. 9, 9A, 9B, 9C and 10, PRAYA EAST, at present in the occupation of the Admiralty.
Apply to—
HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LD.
Hongkong, 1st May, 1907. 809

TO LET

FAIRVIEW, No. 1, Robinson Road, centrally situated immediately below Sir Paul Chater's mansion, containing Six Commodious Rooms with Verandahs and Large Halls, has a commanding view of the harbour, and is in the healthiest location and has a small front Garden.
Possession can be had from 1st June.
Apply to—
DAVID SASSOON & Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, 25th April, 1907. 820

TO LET

2 FOULED-ROOMED HOUSES at Praya East, near East Point.
Apply to—
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, 3rd January, 1907. 1137

TO LET

A HOUSE in KNOTSFORD TERRACE, KOWLOON.
Apply to—
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LD.
Hongkong, 1st May, 1907. 92

TO LET

TO LET—FURNISHED.

NO. 2, STEWART TERRACE, PEAK; for Six Months.
Apply to—
F. PAGET HETT.
39, 41 and 43, Des Vaux Road.
Hongkong, 10th May, 1907. 901

TO LET

IMMEDIATE POSSESSION.
NO. 2, HOLLYWOOD ROAD, and No. 51, POTTINGER STREET.
Apply to—
ARRATON V. APCAR & Co.,
45, Wyndham Street.
Hongkong, 2nd March, 1907. 491

TO LET

OFFICES in KING'S BUILDING and YORK BUILDING, WONG NEI CHONG ROAD, GODOWNS IN PRAYA EAST.
A HOUSE in CLIFTON GARDENS, Conduit Road.
FLATS in MORETON TERRACE.
Apply to—
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.
Hongkong, 1st May, 1907. 191

TO LET

"GLENWOOD" CAINE ROAD, suitable for a Boarding house or Club. Containing 26 Rooms. This property would be divided into two or more houses to suit tenants.
"SMALL BUNGALOW" containing Furnished Room with Bathroom and Dressing Room, Kitchen, &c., Close to Barker Road, Tram Station. Suitable for one or two bachelors.
Apply to—
BEACONSFIELD ARCADE, Fine Shops, Offices and Dwelling Rooms.
No. 15, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, Top Floor, (over Caldwell Macgregor).
BELLIOS TERRACE HOUSES, ROBINSON ROAD.
No. 3, ALBANY.
No. 4, ALBANY, Furnished or Unfurnished.
No. 8, BELLIOS TERRACE, Corner House, 1st Floor.
WELLBURN, No. 81, PEAK. 6 Rooms and Tennis Court.
Apply to—
LINSTED & DAVIS,
3rd Floor, Alexandra Buildings.
Hongkong, 22nd March, 1907. 1102

TO LET

NO. 8 GRANVILLE AVENUE, Kowloon.
Apply to—
HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE CO., LD.
Hongkong, 21st March, 1907. 676

TO LET

REDUCED RENT.
"SUMMER HOUSE" Mount Kaitia.
Apply to—
PERCY SMITH & SETH,
5, Queen's Road Central.
Hongkong, 8th March, 1907. 539

TO LET

POSSESSION FROM 1st APRIL NEXT.
2 Semi-attached HOUSES, Nos. 135 and 137, MACDONNELL ROAD, Each with 7 Rooms, Bath-Rooms, Kitchen, Servants' Quarters and Grass Tennis Court.
Apply to—
CHUNG CHINAM,
Yan On Marine & Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, 1st March, 1907. 482

TO LET

NO. 28, LEIGHTON HILL ROAD, Immediate Possession.
Apply to—
THE COMPRADORE,
Nippon Yusen Kaisha.
Hongkong, 4th February, 1907. 338

TO LET

IMMEDIATE POSSESSION.
WELLBURN, No. 81, THE PEAK.
Apply to—
JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN,
York Buildings.
Hongkong, 22nd January, 1907. 254

TO LET

NOS. 3 & 5, CARNARVON VILLAS, Kowloon.
Apply to—
HEWAN & Co.,
No. 15, Connaught Road, West.
Hongkong, 1st May, 1907. 324

TO LET

NO. 21, CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL, suitable for Offices and Godown.
Apply on the Premises.
Hongkong, 20th March, 1907. 610

TO LET

BOARD AND RESIDENCE.
FIRST-CLASS BOARD & RESIDENCE AT "BRASSIDE."
A LARGE AND COMMODIOUS RESIDENCE standing in its own grounds, with Tennis Courts, Good Dining and Reception Rooms, large Parlour and Well Furnished Bedrooms, every home comfort. Fine View of the Harbour. Terms moderate.
Apply to—
Mrs. F. W. WATTS,
"Brasside," 20, Macdonnell Road (late of "Tang Yuen").
Hongkong, 27th June, 1905. 143

TO LET

PRIVATE BOARD AND RESIDENCE.
MRS. GILLANDERS.
"CLAREMONT."
2 & 4, KENNEDY ROAD.
Hongkong, 9th February, 1907. 604

TO LET

NOTICE TO KOWLOON RESIDENTS.
EXTRA COPIES of Daily Press are on sale daily at the KOWLOON BOOK STORE, No. 38, Elgin Road & Mr. AH YAU'S FERRY WHARF STALL.
Hongkong, 22nd December, 1903.

SHIPPING RINGS COMMISSION.

INTERESTING EVIDENCE.

The Royal Commission on shipping Rings met on March 19th at Winchester House, London. The Rt. Hon. Arthur Cohen, K.C., presided. Some highly interesting evidence in regard to freight from and to China, as they are affected by the Conference, was given by Mr. Charles Schlee, who represented the East India and China section of the London Chamber of Commerce. The nature of the interests as had in the operation of shipping rings was as a shipper of produce from China. We give it as reproduced in the N.C. Daily News:

The Chairman: How far back does your experience date?—From 1895, when my firm was agent in Hankow (China) for the China Shippers' Mutual Steam Navigation Company, ostensibly formed by shippers to oppose Conference lines. The company, however, soon abandoned the policy on which it was founded, and joined the conference. It was ultimately absorbed by Holt's Line.

You say that British trade in China is very adversely affected by the system of deferred rebates?—That is my opinion from my dealing with them. In consequence of their powerful combination they maintain rates of freight to London at a level grossly disproportionate to those ruling to countries out of their sphere of influence. Whenever they have been approached to consider the serious disadvantages that their London supporters and British trade suffer in consequence, no consideration has been given to the matter.

Conference rates from China to London have ruled about the same during the past ten years, whereas Conference lines have chartered vessels to other countries and for other nationalities at very much lower rates, thus handicapping British competitors for produce in the East, and causing injury to British trade by adversely affecting London as a distributing centre consequent on China produce being diverted to other markets by reason of the cheaper freight. In order to do this successfully they have been gradually forcing into the Conference, some of which I have good reasons for believing are getting a large share of the trade by giving inducements privately, not perhaps by actually charging less freight per ton, but by favourable measurements.

Can you give us a striking illustration in support of your argument?—In August, 1905, I chartered a steamer of 5,000 tons at 25s. 6d. per ton, less 19 per cent. deferred rebate. Rates from Hankow to Odessa were ruling at 20s. 6d. at the time, and from Hankow to New York about 35s. The Conference was under the impression that the steamer was loading for other than Conference ports, so it made no opposition. Had they known, it would have driven my vessel off the berth by circulating its vessel at a lower rate whilst this outside steamer was in the port. Whilst having often had offers of reasonable rates by the P. & O. Company and other Conference lines for chartering to non-Conference ports, an attempt to get a reasonable one for London was out of the question. Had I not been able to obtain a rate for London approximating those to other countries (the 3,000,000 lb. of tea the vessel carried would never have come to London, but would have been diverted to other markets where cheaper freights were ruling).

What is your grievance against the Conference?—It does not deal fairly with its supporters. It curtails British trade instead of widening it. Were the rates governed by the general freight market, there would be no ground for complaint. The rates would be on the same footing as shippers to other markets, and London trade would be larger in consequence. Its action favours the expansion of foreign trade at the expense of British.

Witness proceeded to give the following instances of the comparative freights for China homewards:—

NON-CONFERENCE.
1904-5 Shanghai to New York 25s.
1905-6 " " " 30s., less 10 per cent.
1906-7 " " " 37s. 6d., less 10 per cent.
1904-6 Hankow to Odessa 20s. to 25s.
CONFERENCE.
1904-5 Shanghai to London 4s.
1906-7 " " " 46s.
1904-6 Hankow " 52s. 6d., less 10 per cent. deferred rebate.

What remedies do you propose?—I think it would be a step in the right direction if it were made obligatory by law that all bills of lading Conference lines should have it distinctly stated that the rates were subject to whatever deferred rebate was given by such lines. Shippers sometimes like the system of rebates because it does not bind them to return the rebate to their constituents. The shipper has to sign the Conference rebate form, not the recipient of the goods, to obtain his rebate, and it is a matter of private arrangement between shipper and consignee whether the rebate is paid over to the latter. The only real remedy I can see is in combination among shippers to do all they can to encourage competition by chartering outside steamers when circumstances permit. An association for that purpose would, I think, obtain a large membership. If any law could be framed to make deferred rebates illegal, it would in my opinion, be in the interests of British trade.

I suppose it is not denied that the sailings of the Conference lines are very regular, and that the rates of freight are not varied very frequently?—That is so.

Do these advantages arise in consequence of a system of rebates?—The majority of lines in this China Conference, probably five-eighths, are mail steamers, so they are obliged to keep up a regular supply.

What is the disadvantage of this rebate system?—It practically ties you hand and foot for a period of twelve or eighteen months; it is cumbersome and wholly unnecessary.

Do you say it enables them to exact an unreasonable high rate of freight?—It certainly puts a great power in their hand, but if the rates were excessively high, I think it would lead ultimately to a great combination of shippers.

Witness said in one case he had got tea delivered in the London market through New York cheaper than if it had come direct.

In that instance you defeated the Conference?—Certainly, and I would do it every time. What we are at is more combination against the Conference.

Why don't you do it every time?—I am not strong enough.

You forfeit your rebates, and it pays you?—Yes.

And you will go on doing it?—As long as I get the chance.

You suggest a combination of merchants. It seems to me you are the very man to start such a combination?—Perhaps I am, but I have not got the time.

The present arrangement works on the whole fairly well?—The Conference has largely affected the London tea market, but it is very difficult to get people to combine. When I went to the London Chamber of Commerce and asked them to take up the matter they laughed at me.

It is suggested that there is now a change in the public taste for tea, and it is coming from other countries than China?—I agree.

You deal in other teas, but do they pay as well?—No.

Is it not very suicidal of the Conference not to give you cheaper rates?—I think so.

Why do you not tell them so?—They laughed at me. They would rather go with a vessel half full than with a full one at a certain rate. My experience is that if you cheaper rates you increase the trade; but that is where I and the Conference differ.

Sir D. Barbour: Does the Chinese shipping ring control the rates of freight between China and this country?—They do practically.

Captain Collins: When you say you forfeited your rebates do you mean you did not apply for them?—Having broken from the Conference I could not apply.

You did not suffer any other penalties by going out of the Conference?—No.

Mr. Owen Phillips: You say that trade has been directed to New York from London through the lower rates to New York, but has not the result of the Conference lately been to raise the rate to New York to nearly parity with London?—Yes.

Does not that show that ship-owners have endeavoured to remove the anomaly?—It seems to me they are getting their foot into another place.

At the conclusion of the witness's evidence, the Commission adjourned till April 9.

BOOTH'S BOAST.

The *Japan Chronicle* says:—
Those people who have hitherto regarded Mr. William Booth, the "General" of the Salvation Army, as a man whose main object in life was to carry the Christian faith among those who were either indifferent or ignorant in their so-called spiritual life, will be surprised to learn that the "General" is proud—not of raising the submergic tenth, nor of his latest venture, the anti-slave barefoot—of his success as an emigration agent. (One of the greatest schemes emigration agents.) One of the greatest schemes emigration agents, recently, is its emigration movement. It has sent a large number of men to the Canadian soil, and is sending more.

"What do you regard as the one act of your life that has caused you the greatest satisfaction?" he was asked.

"The organization of this movement, for which, I believe, I have some kind of a special blessing. I think I was specially chosen by the Lord to institute and carry it on and I believe I have been successful."

What of the "Darkest England" scheme, which has now been in operation for sixteen years, and which, according to Mr. Booth, "changes the circumstances of those whose poverty is caused by their misfortune"? A truly noble object was pointed out to the public when the "General" introduced his "Darkest England" scheme, whereby work was to be found for the unemployed, and the submergic were to be elevated and rehabilitated in the world. This was sixteen years ago, and the public has generously provided funds to assist in carrying out his worthy object, and now we find the "General" coolly remarking that his success as a direction-pointed emigration agent is the one thing which has given him the greatest satisfaction in the course of a long and varied career.

Glancing down the advertisement columns of a London paper just to hand, we found—sandwiched in among the business announcements of the C. P. R. Co., the Allan Line, and other legitimate trading concerns—the following advertisement:—

By Co-operation and Organization the safest and best conditions are secured to passengers. The Salvation Army offers choice of Allan, Canadian Pacific, and Dominion Lines ships. Arranges Connected, Selected Parties. Guarantees work. Has unequalled organization in Canada and a large staff working under Government patronage, meeting and advising new arrivals. Not confined to Salvationists only. Next Parties (Temporary Voyages) leave Liverpool April 20, May 9, June 8. Ordinary Fares only charged. Full particulars free. Write Colonel Lamb, 27, Queen Victoria-st., London.

This, then, is the work which "General" Booth believes he "was specially chosen by the Lord to institute and carry on." The Salvation Army, according to this advertisement, "guarantees work, meets and assists new arrivals, only ordinary fares are charged." It is also particularly pointed out that these "advantages" are confined to Salvationists only. Evidently not, for on reading the advertisements of the other emigration agents—who, however, do not receive a generous subsidy from a trustful but misguided public—we find that they too give a Government letter of introduction, guaranteeing work, meeting, and assisting new arrivals in Canada. That "General" Booth should boast of the emigration movement, which as has already been shown in these columns is a purely business concern, is amazing, and can only be taken as a tacit admission of the complete failure of "Darkest England" scheme, in support of which the charitable public has subscribed thousands of pounds. We understand that the leading business man of Kobe are being invited to support—in a Pickwickian sense—"General" Booth at his forthcoming meetings at the Gymnasium of the Dai Nippon Club. The local representatives of shipping firms should certainly take the opportunity of welcoming the "General" in whose—as an emigration agent by divine right—they should recognise a man and a brother—and a business rival.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The Ben Line str. *Benlomon* from Antwerp and London left Singapore on 10th May for this port.

The I.G.M. str. *Gneiss* which left here on Thursday 9th May, has arrived at Shanghai on Sunday the 12th May at 11 a.m.

The I.G.M. str. *P. E. Friedrich*, which left here on Wednesday 8th May has arrived at Singapore on Sunday 3 p.m. the 12th May.

The C.P.R. str. *Athenian*, arrived Kobe at 6 a.m. on Sunday, the 12th May, and left again at noon sat. day for Yokohama where she was due to arrive at 6 p.m., on Monday, the 13th May.

The C.P.R. str. *Empress of India* arrived Shanghai at 9.30 p.m. on Saturday the 11th May, and left again at 10 a.m. Sunday for Nagasaki where she was due to arrive at 8 p.m. on Monday the 13th May.

The P. & O. str. *Oriente* left Singapore for this port on the 11th May p.m., with the outward English Mail, and is due here on the 15th May at about 3 p.m.

The A.L. str. *E. F. Ferdinand* left Singapore for this port on the 11th May p.m., and is expected to arrive here on the 17th May.

The str. *Cardigan* left Singapore on Sunday the 12th May, and is due here on or about Saturday morning the 18th May.

The I.G.M. str. *Empress* has left Kobe via Nagasaki and Shanghai on Sunday p.m. the 12th May, and may be expected here on or about Tuesday the 21st May.

The I.G.M. str. *Scharnhorst* carrying the German Mail with dates from Berlin of the 23rd April has left Colombo on Saturday p.m. the 11th May, and may be expected here on or about 22nd May.

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